

Approved Minutes of the Arlington Commission on Arts and Culture (ACAC)

September 3, 2015, Cutter Gallery

Attending: Stephanie Marlin-Curiel (chaired), Leland Stein, Adria Arch, Carla Dorato, Jonathan Hyde, Amy Mongeau (cultural liaison),

Absent: Barbara Costa (listened via phone), Aimee Taberner

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 by S. Marlin-Curiel.

1. **Minutes** of ACAC July 9 meeting and joint ACAC/A-TED Cultural District meeting were unanimously approved.
2. **Cultural District planning update.** Working group continues to work on completing all elements of the Massachusetts Cultural Council (MCC) application. The proposed district goes from Arlington Center to Lake Street in East Arlington. Boundaries are subject to review and approval by MCC. The boundary map has to be filed with MCC before the application is completed and filed. Commissioners suggested additions to the draft map, including businesses between Arlington Center and east Arlington. The working group is still recruiting for additional participants in the planning process and working on developing the Management Partnership. The intent is to have the Chamber of Commerce, the Robbins Library, and the Arlington Center for the Arts (ACA) represented on the Management Partnership; Stephanie and Barbara met on July 15th with executive directors of these three organizations who had been missing from the June 25 working group meeting. Discussion about having the Town fund a stipend for a cultural district coordinator. (More details about the cultural district plans are in the joint ACAC/A-TED minutes of the June 25 meeting.)
3. **Cultural plan:** Next step is to engage a cultural planner who will conduct preliminary research prior to June 30, 2016 (using funds allocated to ACAC by the Town) with the remainder of the planning process to take place in FY17. Commission members will review the working draft of an RFP and send comments to J. Hyde and A. Taberner by 9/17. They will then request a meeting with Town Manager Adam Chapdelaine to get his input and discuss funding options for the cultural plan for FY17.
4. **Public art inventory:** Will Smith, ACAC intern, made significant progress on the inventory but some work remains, including holdings of the Dallin Art Museum. Although Smith is back in school, he intends to complete the project. A. Mongeau has posted images and captions from the inventory on ACAC's blog/Web site.
5. **Town Day:** Logistics of ACAC's booth were discussed.
6. **Treasurer's Report:** L. Stein presented status of ACAC budget.
7. **New business:** ACA is asking for support from the arts and cultural community for the possible loss of its space in the Gibbs School building.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM.